

# **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

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June 29, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

METRO GOLD LINE EASTSIDE EXTENSION PROJECT REPLACEMENT OF CORRUGATED METAL PIPE STORM DRAIN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 3 VOTES

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute a Letter of Agreement, similar to the attached Letter of Agreement, pursuant to the Master Cooperative Agreement that was approved by your Board on April 1, 2003, Agenda Item No. 36, with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). The Letter of Agreement provides for the County to reimburse Metro up to \$720,000 for the cost of replacing deteriorated corrugated metal pipe storm drain with reinforced concrete pipe along the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension (Gold Line) project alignment.

# PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Metro is constructing the Gold Line project to extend light rail service from Union Station into East Los Angeles. As part of the Gold Line project, Metro is replacing corrugated metal pipe (CMP) storm drains with reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) directly underneath the track alignment. Public Works has determined that there are portions of the CMP

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storm drains immediately adjacent to the Gold Line track alignment that need to be replaced. The purpose of this action is to provide funding to replace all the deteriorated CMP storm drains adjacent to the Gold Line project with RCP. This action also delegates authority to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute the necessary Letter of Agreement to fund this County infrastructure improvement project as part of the Gold Line project.

Public Works has been working with Metro to determine the acceptability along with the design and construction costs of the infrastructure rearrangement in accordance with the Master Cooperative Agreement between the County of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and Metro, which was adopted by your Board on April 1, 2003, Synopsis No. 36, for Gold Line.

The Master Cooperative Agreement establishes the responsibilities of Metro, the County, and the Flood Control District during the design and construction phases of the Eastside Light Rail Transit project. Further, the Master Cooperative Agreement provides the means for the County and the Flood Control District to elect to include improvements, at the County and/or the Flood Control District's cost.

The Gold Line project is replacing CMP storm drain directly underneath the track alignment with RCP. The remaining CMPs that are located outside of the track alignment are also severely deteriorated and in need of replacement. It would prove economical and avoid additional construction impacts to the community in the future to replace all CMPs along the track alignment at the time of Gold Line construction.

The Master Cooperative Agreement sets forth the responsibility of the County, the Flood Control District, and Metro in order to meet the stringent construction schedule of the project. Public Works shall design the infrastructure rearrangements and Metro shall perform all construction of infrastructure rearrangements at the time of Gold Line project construction.

## Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This cooperative project meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Organizational Effectiveness. Close coordination of the project among agencies is essential for the timely completion of the project. The completion of the infrastructure rearrangements during the Gold Line project will eliminate a major construction project after the Gold Line project, thus improving the mobility of the patrons in the unincorporated area.

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## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. Metro estimates the cost to construct the infrastructure rearrangements to be \$720,000, which includes \$596,000 for replacing the CMP storm drain with RCP in Third Street, plus a \$124,000 contingency. The necessary funds are available in the First Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2006-07 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In accordance to Sections 2.7 and 8.4 of the Master of Agreement, Metro and the Director of Public Works, or his designee, need to execute the Letter of Agreement for Metro to construct the requested infrastructure rearrangement. The final Letter of Agreement will be reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel prior to signature by the Director of Public Works, or his designee.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Sections 15301(b) and 15302(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act and Classes 1(e) and 2(b) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

# IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECT)

The replacement of the CMP storm drains adjacent to the Gold Line track alignment will impact traffic and parking on Third Street during construction. The traffic issues are addressed in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report. Public Works continues to work with Metro and their consultants to identify and alleviate the traffic impacts.

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# **CONCLUSION**

Upon approval, please return two adopted copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE

Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office

**County Counsel** 





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Mr. Patrick V. DeChellis Deputy Director County of Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works 900 South Fremont Ave. Alhambra, CA 91803-1331

Subject:

Replacement of CMP with RCP in 3rd Street

Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension (Project)

Master Cooperative Agreement (MOU) between County of Los Angeles

(County) and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation

Authority (Metro) dated April 1, 2003

Reference:

ELRTC Letter No. MTA-OUT-03390 RFC No. 29 Revised Pricing

Dear Mr. DeChellis:

I have attached the above referenced cost proposal in the amount of \$595,925, from our contractor (ELRTC) for the subject work. This proposal reflects the changes that resulted from the County's evaluation of the required work. Please review the attached lump sum proposal and if you are in agreement, please sign the concurrence line below, which represents the County's commitment to reimburse Metro for these costs.

Metro will track this work as a separate line item and will invoice the County on a percent complete basis. Reimbursement to Metro shall be made within 30-days of receipt of the invoice.

At the request of your staff, in the essence of schedule, ELRTC is to proceed with the CMP replacement at Atlantic/Pomona and Atlantic/Woods based upon the County's verbal commitment to reimburse Metro for this work.

If you have any questions or require any further clarification, please contact Eric Olson at (626)840-0538.

Dennis Mori

Executive Officer, Project Management

THE COUNTY IS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE SCOPE AND COSTS DEFINED IN THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL AND THE ASSOCIATED TERMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

Mr. Patrick V. DeChellis Deputy Director

# Attachment

Cc:

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